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**Present Application:**

Applicants : Michael Graham Gore et al.  
Title : IMMUNOGLOBULIN BINDING PROTEIN  
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**Prior Application:**

International Application No. PCT/GB99/03048  
Filed: September 14, 1999

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

Amend the specification by inserting a new section before the "Technical Field" as follows:

**-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a continuation under 35 U.S.C. § 111(a) of International Patent Application No. PCT/GB99/03048 filed September 14, 1999, now pending, which application claims the benefit of United Kingdom Patent Application No. 9819998.7 filed September 14, 1998 and United Kingdom Patent Application No. 9909578.8 filed April 26, 1999; which applications are incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.--

In the Claims:

Cancel claim 4.

Add new claims 8 and 9 as follows:

8. (New) A method of isolating an immunoglobulin comprising providing a solid support having bound thereto a protein according to claim 1 or 2 and contacting a sample containing the immunoglobulin with the support.

9. (New) A method according to claim 8 further comprising extracting the immunoglobulin from the support.

REMARKS

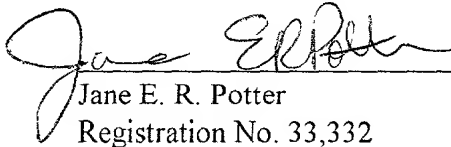
The accompanying amendment is made to add a cross-reference to related applications and to place the claims in better form for examination. No new matter is added by this amendment.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version With Markings to Show Changes Made."

All of the claims remaining in the application are now clearly allowable. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims:

Claim 4 has been canceled.